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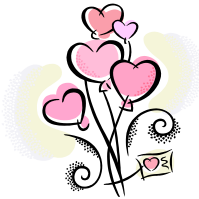
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2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 7 DINNER AND MEETING
5:30 P.M. DINNER AT MALARKY'S W/GRASSMANS
7:00 P.M. MEIJER GARDENS
HEIDI & ROD GRASMAN, GARDEN CROSSINGS

MARCH 7 MEETING
7:00 P.M. MEIJER GARDENS
2012 AHS NAT'L. CONVENTION IN REVIEW
SLIDE PRESENTATION BY NANCY SNIFF

APRIL 4 DINNER, MEETING AND AUCTION
5:30 P.M. DINNER WITH BILL WALDROP
7:00 P.M. FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS
BILL WALDROP, HYBRIDIZER, KENNESAW
MOUNTAIN DAYLILY GARDENS, GA

MAY 9 SPRING AUCTION
7:00 P.M. DAVID'S HOUSE MINISTRIES
2390 BANNER SW, WYOMING, MI

JUNE 6 OPEN GARDEN
JUNE 28 - 30 REGION 2 CONVENTION
JULY 11 OPEN GARDEN
JULY 13 DAYLILY SHOW AT FMG
AUG 1 OPEN GARDEN AND PICNIC
SEP 5 FALL AUCTION, DAVID'S HOUSE

FEBRUARY 7 MEETING: SPECTACULAR NEW PLANTS FOR 2013

The February 7 meeting will be a real treat to the Grand Valley Daylily Society's members as Heidi and Rod Grasmann of Garden Crossings in Zeeland will give a PowerPoint presentation of the newest cutting edge perennials, shrubs, and annuals that will be available on the market for the spring 2013 season. Heidi will also include ideas on creating stunning combination planters that utilize the 'Thriller, Filler, Spiller' concept. As gardeners, we all appreciate balancing our daylilies with a variety of landscape forms, textures, colors, and bloom seasons. Bring your notepads and pencils to take note of the items that would look perfect in your yard. We are in for a spectacular visual display.

The Grasmanns' mission is to supply home gardeners across the U.S. direct access to the newest and highest quality plants on the market. They launched their first website in 2002 with less than 100 different plant varieties. Having outgrown their original facility, they moved to their current location in 2007 and now carry over 1200 items! A retail garden center was opened because of the local demand for their products – lucky us. Their 20 years of experience in growing plants has helped them establish relationships with some of the nation's best plant wholesalers giving them an advantage in obtaining many new and exciting perennials year after year. The plants they offer will take several years to become available at your local garden center. Rod and Heidi's goal is to help gardeners plan, plant, and enjoy their gardens, containers, and landscapes. We will meet in the lower level of the Frederik Meijer Gardens at 7 pm.

DINNER WITH THE GRASMANS ON FEBRUARY 7

Those who are interested are invited to attend a dinner with Rod and Heidi Grasmann at 5:30 pm on February 7th at Malarky's before their presentation later that evening. Being so close-by in Zeeland, this will give you a chance to get to know Heidi and Rod on a personal basis before you visit their establishment a few months later to acquire some of the marvelous new plants we will learn about during their colorful program. **Please notify Barb Buikema (616-538-3266 or bbuikema@att.net) no later than Tuesday, February 5th** if you intend to join us so accurate reservations can be made. Participants pay for their own meal. Malarky's is located at 3210 Deposit Dr. directly in front of County Inn & Suites and north of Northpointe Bank in the SE corner of the I-96 and Beltline interchange. View Malarky's menu at <http://www.malarkysgr.com/menu/>.

MARCH MEETING THE 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN REVIEW

March 7, 7:00 p.m.

Have you ever been to a National Daylily Convention? Here's your chance to learn what goes on during the most prestigious annual event of the American Hemerocallis Society. Our own gregarious Nancy Sniff will bring us a colorful presentation of the flowers, people, and events of last summer's National Convention held in the Columbus, Ohio area. Between the Open Gardens, Boutique of daylilies for sale in the hotel, bus tours, Englerth Bed competitors, banquets, whimsical fun here and there, voting for the President's Cup Award, and lots of flowers, flowers, flowers plus so much more, those who attended went to bed exhausted every day. Nancy will share wonderful stories and, as before, point out many flowers that will be offered in our upcoming May auction. Please come join us at 7 pm downstairs on March 7th at Frederik Meijer Gardens for a fun evening.

Nancy would appreciate receiving more pictures of the Convention to include in her program. If you are willing to share, please bring a CD or flash drive of your pictures with you to the February meeting or contact her directly at 455-2548 to make other arrangements. She will be happy to return any mode of data transfer to you.

Below are some photos from the Convention taken by Ginny Pearce: [L-R: White Eyes Pink Dragon (Gossard, 2006) won the President's Cup Award for 2012; Meditating frog in the Sayer Garden; Chihuly art in the Franklin Park Conservatory]



THANK YOU BRUCE AND DIANE!

Bruce and Diane Wickmann donated a quality speaker system to the club. Due to their generosity, we now have two speakers and a subwoofer to provide clear pleasing audio from programs shown from the club's laptop computer. We are sure to enjoy their gift for many years to come. Thank you Bruce and Diane!

OTHER CLUB EVENTS AND DATES YOU'RE INVITED SO SAVE THE DATES!!

- Southern MI Daylily Society** **March 15, 2013** **George Papadalis, Telly's Greenhouse, Troy**
George will speak about the newest available annuals and perennials.
- Southern MI Daylily Society** **April 13, 2013** **Curt Hanson, Owner, Citronic Gardens**
Curt is a hybridizer from Gate Mills, OH.
<http://www.midaylilysociety.com/index.html>
- North Central MI Daylily Society** **March 16, 2013** **Jan and Royce Joiner Presentation & Auction**
Chippewa Lake, MI, 10:00 a.m.
Plus 25-Plant Auction (plants delivered in May) and \$5 Luncheon
- Central MI Daylily Society** **April 20, 2013** **Jamie Gossard, Speaker**
Mt. Pleasant, MI, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Isabella Commission on Aging Building, 2200 S. Lincoln Road

SEEKING LOCATIONS FOR SUMMER MEETINGS

Our gardens reflect our varied personal tastes. While we enjoy the toil, search for new additions, and the fruits of our labor, novice and expert alike know a garden is a work in progress. Please consider sharing your unique garden with your fellow club members by volunteering as an Open Garden location during our summer meetings. We are in need of locations for the June and August meetings. Daylilies, theme gardens, mixed perennials, hostas, annuals, shrubs, trees or any combination thereof – we love them all! Please contact Ginny Pearce (954-0416 or floragin@gmail.com) if you are interested.

"Kind hearts are the garden, kind thoughts are the root, kind words are the blossoms, kind deeds are the fruit." Author Unknown

APRIL MEETING

BILL WALDROP IS COMING FOR A MICHIGAN VISIT

We hope you all come to the **7 p.m. April 4th meeting at Frederik Meijer Gardens** to hear Bill Waldrop speak about and show us the beautiful results of his daylily hybridizing efforts. An auction of his plants will conclude the meeting.

Bill started growing daylilies around 1992 and like many of us, his large vegetable garden eventually was replaced with daylilies. After being featured in numerous newspaper articles and on HGTV, Bill and his wife Diana enjoy the company of many visitors during bloom season.

Bill introduced his first daylilies in 2002 and while most of his introductions are the big round ruffled types, he is also into eyes, green edges, teeth, and unusual forms. A little something for us all to enjoy, I'd say! He strives to create daylilies that can be grown and enjoyed by most everyone in the United States. Living in northern Georgia where the winter temperatures dip below freezing, he has the ability to truly test the hardiness of his plants. His 'Irish Halo' won an honorable mention last year which is confirmation of great performance in multiple regions of AHS. In Bill's words, "It is just such a tremendous adventure to "wake-up" before daylight and then go outside and anticipate the opening of the buds. The best time of the year is when the daylilies are blooming." So please come and join in the excitement as Bill shows us his best work.

Feel free to visit his website, www.kennesawmountaindaylilygardens.com to see what might be available at the auction. Plants will be shipped in May.

DINNER WITH BILL WALDROP ON APRIL 4th

Bill genuinely wants to get to know more Michigan daylily people. A great way to get to know him and his plants would be to attend the dinner with Bill and Diana Waldrop before his presentation later that evening. All interested club members are invited. We will meet at a restaurant near Meijer Gardens at 5:30 pm. Location to be announced. **Please notify Barb Buikema (616-538-3266 or bbuikema@att.net) no later than Tuesday, April 2** if you intend to join us, so accurate reservations can be made. Participants pay for their own meal



Above are some of Bill's Introductions

PLANT TAG ORDERS

The Club Board has been reviewing an alternative source for plant tags this year. The company we are considering is named Paw Paw Everlast Label Company located in Paw Paw, Michigan. We have compared the tags from Paw Paw with the tags from Eon Industries of Ohio, from whom we have been purchasing for many years. The Paw Paw tags do not have as large a flange on the top and bottom as the Eon tags. The Paw Paw tags are anodized on both sides to help resist corrosion while the Eon tags are now only anodized on the front side. The Heavy Duty Paw Paw tags are also made of heavier gauge aluminum, yet sell for a few pennies less than the Eon tags, which we think will help them survive better over the winter months with less bending under the weight of the snow.

As a result of this comparison, we will be moving forward in purchasing our next batch of tags from the Paw Paw Everlast Label Company. We also feel that we can reduce the price of tags from \$10 per pack of 25 to \$9 per pack of 25 for the heavy duty tags.

Those members interested in purchasing these new plant tags should print and complete the tag order form below and send it to Sandy Olson or bring it to the next meeting with your payment. We will have samples of both tags at the February 4th meeting if you wish to see the comparison before ordering.

GVDS Metal Plant Tag Order Form

To order plant tags, please bring this form to a club meeting or send it to Sandy Olson (3709 Wiersma NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319) with your check made out to Grand Valley Daylily Society. Cash is always welcome if paying in person. Your tags will be available about a month following your order.

Quantity _____ Total Amount _____
_____ Set(s) of 25 tags with 11" wires x \$9.00 per set _____
Name _____ Phone _____

This area for Treasurer's use.

Date Received: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____

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WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT
The Grand Valley Daylily Society is a 501(c)7 non-profit organization organized to promote and encourage the development and improvement of the daylily and to increase interest in its use as a means of home and civic beautification.

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Please keep Nancy Sniff posted if you have a new email or mailing address, phone #, etc. so we can keep our Membership Roster up to date!

DROOLING OVER DAYLILIES YOU DON'T HAVE? FIND THEM HERE!

If there is a daylily you have been looking for, just contact Sharon Globig (mailto:globia1@comcast.net or 616-866-4817) and she will put it in this column. She needs the name of the cultivar you're looking for, the hybridizer and your name and phone number for the list. If another member has your desired cultivar, that member can notify you. Then the two of you can work out your own sale or trade between yourselves. Here are the cultivars members are currently looking for:

Ginny Pearce: Great White (Stamile, 1996)
Betty Warren Woods (Munson-R.W., 1987)

